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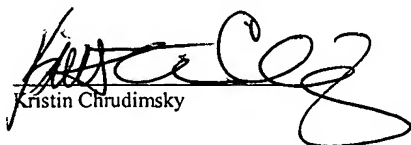
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Non-U.S. Patent Documents

1. Canon Inc., Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 09-093523, April 4, 1997 (English abstract provided);
2. Lexar Media Inc., Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 2000-510634, August 15, 2000, National Phase of PCT No. WO 9944113, (English abstract provided);
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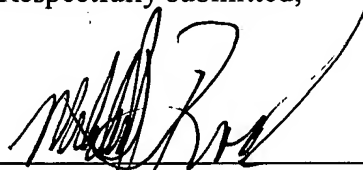
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